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## Notes, Notices, and Cautions



**NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.



**NOTICE:** A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.



**CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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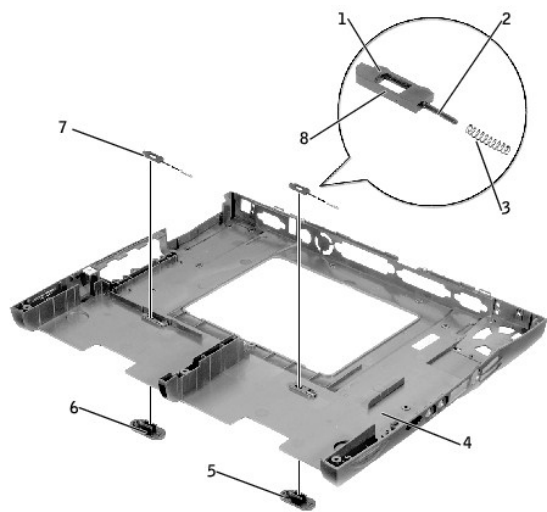
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# Battery and Module Bay Latches

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## Removing the Battery and Module Bay Latches

-  **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
-  **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
-  **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
  3. Remove the [display assembly](#).
  4. Remove the [palm rest](#).
  5. To remove the latch release button, use a plastic scribe to push inward on the snap tabs in the upper latch assembly until the latch release button is released from the bottom case.
- To prevent the upper latch assembly from coming loose, apply pressure to the latch and spring while removing the latch release button.
6. If you are also removing the upper latch assembly, lift it out of the latch holding fixture.



1	bumps (2 per latch)	5	latch release buttons (2)
2	slider	6	snap tabs (2 per latch assembly)
3	spring	7	upper latch assemblies (2)
4	bottom case	8	wear rib

## Replacing the Battery and Module Bay Latches

1. If you are replacing the upper latch assembly:
    - a. Slide the spring onto the slider, and install the upper latch assembly in the holding feature on the inside of the bottom case.
    - b. Ensure that the slider is inserted into the hole, that the side of the latch with the two bumps is facing the back of the case, and that the side with the wear rib is facing the front of the case.
-  **NOTE:** The latch will not function properly if the slider is oriented incorrectly.
2. Hold down the upper latch assembly and snap in the new latch release button through the bottom case, ensuring that the snap tabs are fully engaged in the upper latch assembly.
  3. Ensure that the newly installed latch release button moves smoothly and freely when pushed and released.








## Before You Begin

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## Preparing to Work Inside the Computer

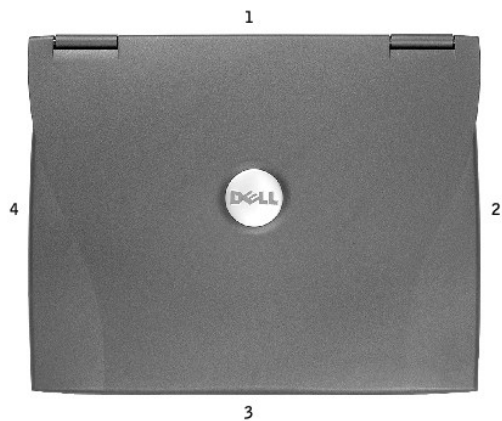
-  **CAUTION:** Before working inside your computer, read the safety instructions in your *System Information Guide*.
-  **CAUTION:** Only a certified service technician should perform repairs on your computer. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty.
-  **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the computer, perform the following steps before you begin working inside the computer.
1. Ensure that the work surface is clean to prevent scratching the computer cover.
  2. Save any work in progress and exit all open programs.
  3. Turn off the computer and all attached devices.
-  **NOTE:** Before turning off the computer, ensure that the computer is not in a power management mode. If you cannot shut down the computer using the computer operating system, press and hold the power button for 4 seconds.
4. If the computer is connected (docked) to a docking device, undock it. See the documentation that came with the docking device for instructions.
  5. Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets.
  6. To avoid possible damage to the system board, wait 10 to 20 seconds and then disconnect any attached devices.
  7. Disconnect all other external cables from the computer.
  8. Remove any installed PC Cards or plastic blanks from the PC Card slot.
  9. Close the display and turn the computer upside down on a flat work surface.
-  **NOTICE:** To avoid damaging the system board, you must remove the main battery and secondary battery (if present) before you service the computer.
10. Remove the primary battery from the battery bay and the secondary battery from the module bay, if a secondary battery is in use.
  11. Remove any installed device in the module bay.
  12. To dissipate any static electricity while you work, use a wrist grounding strap or periodically touch an unpainted metal surface.
  13. Handle components and cards with care. Do not touch the components or contacts on a card. Hold a card by its edges or by its metal mounting bracket. Hold a component such as a microprocessor by its edges, not by its pins.
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## Recommended Tools

The procedures in this manual require the following tools:

- 1 #1 magnetized Phillips screwdriver
- 1 ¼-inch flat-blade screwdriver
- 1 Small plastic scribe
- 1 Microprocessor extractor
- 1 Flash BIOS update program floppy disk or CD.

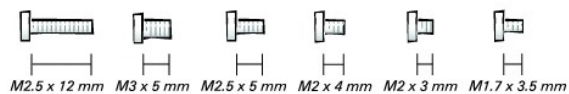
### Computer Orientation



1	back
2	right
3	front
4	left












## Screw Identification

When you are removing and replacing components, photocopy the placemat as a tool to lay out and keep track of the screws. The placemat provides the number of screws and their sizes.



**NOTICE:** When reinstalling a screw, you must use a screw of the correct diameter and length. Ensure that the screw is properly aligned with its corresponding hole, and avoid overtightening.

<p>Hard Drive Door:</p> <p>(1 each)</p> <p><b>M3 x 5 mm</b></p>	<p>Memory Module Cover:</p> <p>(2 captive screws)</p> <p>(1 each)</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The single screw is one of the five keyboard screws.</p> <p><b>M2.5 x 12 mm</b></p>
<p>Modem to System Board:</p> <p>(2 each)</p> <p><b>M2 x 3 mm</b></p>	<p>Keyboard to Bottom Case:</p> <p>(5 each)</p> <p><b>M2.5 x 12 mm</b></p>


<p>Hinges to Bottom Case: (5 each)</p>  <p><i>M2.5 x 5 mm</i></p>	<p>Display-Feed Flex Cable: (4 each)</p>  <p><i>M2 x 3 mm</i></p>
<p>Display Bezel: (6 each)</p>  <p><i>M2.5 x 5 mm</i></p> <p>Rubber Screw Covers (6 each)</p>	<p>Display Panel to Top Cover: (5 each)</p>  <p><i>M2 x 4 mm</i></p>
<p>Display Latch: (2 each) (2 each)</p>  <p><i>M2.5 x 5 mm</i></p>  <p><i>M1.7 x 3.5 mm</i></p>	<p>Palm Rest to Bottom Case: (3 each) (5 each)</p>  <p><i>M2.5 x 12 mm</i></p>  <p><i>M2 x 3 mm</i></p>
<p>Hybrid Cooling Fan: (2 each) (1 each)</p>  <p><i>M2.5 x 5 mm</i></p>  <p><i>M2 x 3 mm</i></p>	<p>System Board to Bottom Case: (10 each)</p>  <p><i>M2.5 x 5 mm</i></p>

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## Flashing the BIOS

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To update the basic input/output system (BIOS):

1. Ensure that the AC adapter is plugged in and that the main battery is installed properly.
2. Turn on the computer and press  to enter the system setup program.
3. Reset the boot sequence to boot first from the floppy drive or the CD drive (depending on whether your flash BIOS update is supplied on floppy disk or CD).
4. Insert the flash BIOS update floppy disk or CD, and reboot the computer.

The computer updates the BIOS and then automatically reboots.

5. Immediately press  to enter the system setup program, and reset the boot sequence to the normal setting. Then exit the system setup program.
6. Remove the flash BIOS update floppy disk or CD.

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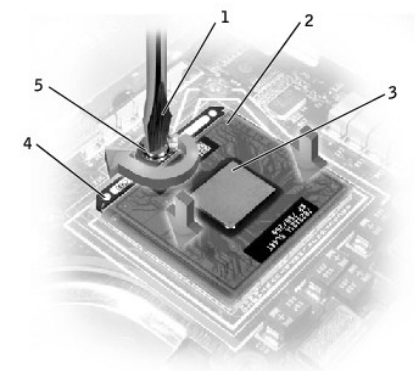
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# Microprocessor Module

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## Removing the Microprocessor Module

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To ensure proper thermal operation, always install a new, compatible thermal cooling assembly along with a new microprocessor.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Do not touch the processor die. To ensure proper seating of the microprocessor in the socket, press down near the edges of the microprocessor module (on the substrate surrounding the die) while turning the cam screw.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the microprocessor, hold the screwdriver so that it is perpendicular to the microprocessor when turning the cam screw.




1	screwdriver (perpendicular to microprocessor)
2	pin-1 corner
3	processor die (do not touch)
4	ZIF socket
5	ZIF-socket cam screw


1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To ensure maximum cooling for the microprocessor, do not touch the heat transfer areas on the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly. The oils in your skin reduce the heat transfer capability of the thermal pads.
3. Remove the [microprocessor thermal cooling assembly](#).
- ➡ **NOTICE:** When removing the microprocessor module, pull the module straight up. Be careful not to bend the pins on the microprocessor module.
4. To loosen the ZIF socket, use a small, flat-blade screwdriver and rotate the ZIF-socket cam screw counter-clockwise until it reaches the cam stop.  
  
The ZIF-socket cam screw secures the microprocessor to the system board. Take note of the arrow on the ZIF-socket cam screw.
  5. Use a microprocessor extraction tool to remove the microprocessor module.

## Replacing the Microprocessor Module

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Ensure that the cam lock is in the fully open position before seating the microprocessor module. Seating the microprocessor module properly in the ZIF socket does not require force.
  - ➡ **NOTICE:** A microprocessor module that is not properly seated can result in an intermittent connection, or permanent damage to the microprocessor and ZIF socket.
1. Align the pin-1 corner of the microprocessor module with the pin-1 corner of the ZIF socket, and insert the microprocessor module.




 **NOTE:** The pin-1 corner of the microprocessor module has a triangle that aligns with a triangle (or missing hole) on the pin-1 corner of the ZIF socket.

 **NOTICE:** You must position the microprocessor module correctly in the ZIF socket to avoid permanent damage to the module and the socket.

When the microprocessor module is correctly seated, all four corners are aligned at the same height. If one or more corners of the module are higher than the others, the module is not seated correctly.

 **NOTICE:** Do not touch the processor die near the edges of the microprocessor module (on the substrate surrounding the die) while turning the cam screw.

2. Press down on the edges of the microprocessor module and tighten the ZIF socket by turning the cam screw clockwise.
3. Install a new [microprocessor thermal cooling assembly](#).

 **NOTICE:** To ensure proper thermal operation, always install a new, compatible thermal cooling assembly along with a new microprocessor.

4. Update the BIOS using the flash BIOS update floppy disk or CD. For instructions on how to flash the BIOS, see "[Flashing the BIOS](#)."

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# Display Assembly, Display Latch, and Hinge Covers

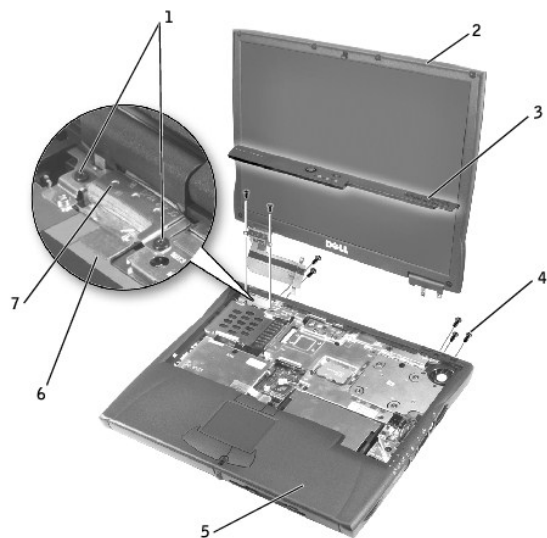
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- [Display Latch](#)
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## Display Assembly

- ➡ **NOTICE:** You must remove the display assembly before you remove the palm rest.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
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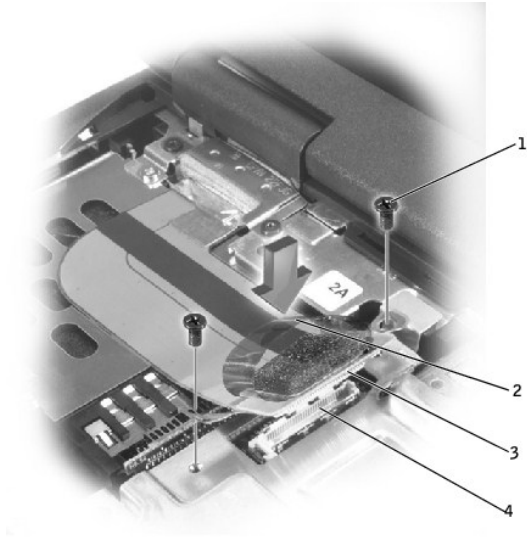
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [center control cover](#).
3. Remove the [keyboard](#).
4. Close the display.
5. From the back of the computer, remove the five M2.5 x 5-mm screws labeled "circle D."
6. Open the display assembly approximately 180 degrees and support the display assembly so that it does not open past this position.
7. Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws on the EMI shield bracket, which is attached to the display-feed flex cable.



1	M2 x 3-mm screws (2)
2	top cover
3	center control cover
4	M2.5 x 5-mm screws (5)
5	bottom case
6	display-feed flex cable
7	EMI shield bracket

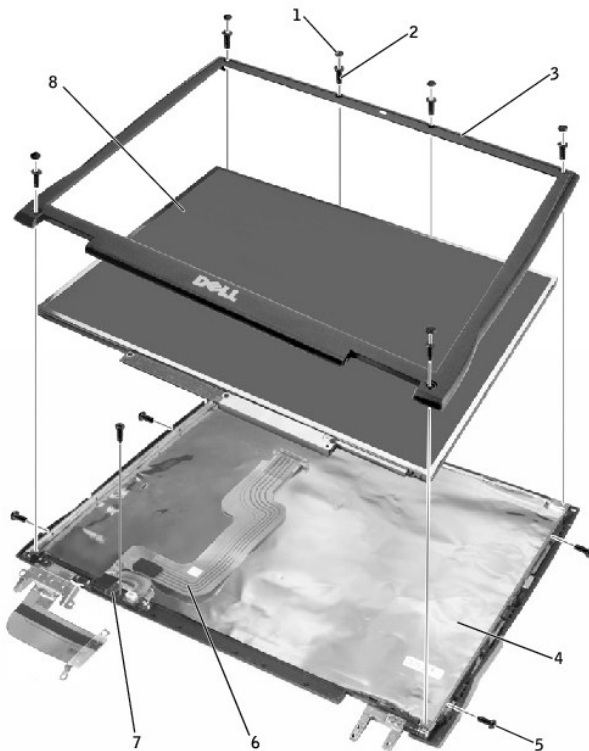
8. Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws that secure the display-feed flex cable to the system board.

- ➡ **NOTICE:** When reconnecting the display-feed flex cable connector to the system board, push down on the top left and right ends of the connector. Pressing on the center of the connector may damage resistors and compromise EMI protection in the computer.



1	M2 x 3-mm screws (2)
2	pull-tab
3	display-feed cable connector
4	interface connector

9. Pull up on the pull-tab that is attached to the display-feed flex cable connector to remove it from the interface connector on the system board.
10. Pivot the display assembly up to a 90-degree angle and lift it out of the bottom case.



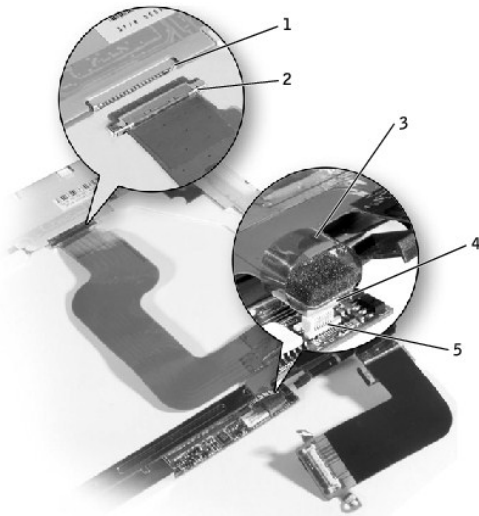
1	rubber screw covers (6)	5	M2 x 4-mm screws (5)
2	M2.5 x 5-mm screws (6)	6	display-feed flex cable
3	display bezel	7	flex-cable retention bracket

## Removing the Display Bezel

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
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  - ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [display assembly](#).
  3. Use a plastic scribe to pry the six rubber screw covers out of the screw holes located on the front of the bezel.
  4. Remove the six M2.5 x 5-mm screws located on the front of the bezel.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Carefully separate the bezel from the top cover to avoid damage to the bezel.
5. Starting at the bottom of the display panel (by the Dell™ logo), use your fingers to separate the bezel from the top cover by lifting the inside of the bezel while pushing in on the outside.

## Removing the Display Panel

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
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  - ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [display assembly](#).
  3. Remove the [display bezel](#).
  4. Remove the [hinge covers](#).
  5. Remove the two M2 x 4-mm screws on the left side of the display panel and the two M2 x 4-mm screws on the right side of the display panel.
- 🔧 **NOTE:** If you have a Hitachi display panel, remove the two M2 x 4-mm screws from the center of the left side of the display panel.
6. Remove the M2 x 4-mm screw that secures the display-feed flex cable through the black plastic flex-cable retention bracket.
  7. Lift from the top and rotate the display panel out of the top cover.
  8. Disconnect the bottom flex cable connector from the inverter connector by pulling straight up on the attached pull-tab.



1	display panel connector
2	top flex cable connector
3	pull-tab
4	bottom flex cable connector

5	inverter connector
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9. Remove the tape that secures the display panel connector and the tape that secures the middle of the display-feed flex cable to the display panel.
10. Pull the top flex cable connector down and away to remove it from the display panel connector.

## Replacing the Display Panel

1. Reconnect the top flex cable connector to the display panel connector.
2. Reconnect the bottom flex cable connector to the inverter connector.
3. Replace the tape that secures the display panel connector and the tape that secures the middle of the display-feed flex cable to the display panel.
4. Place the bottom edge of the display panel in the bottom of the top cover and lift the top of the panel with your hand.
5. Lay the display panel in the top cover.
6. Reinstall the five M2 x 4-mm screws that secure the display panel to the top cover.

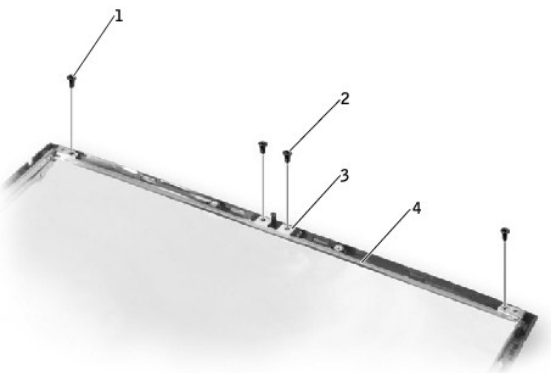
## Display Latch

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
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## Removing the Display Latch

1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [display assembly](#).
3. Remove the [display bezel](#).
4. Remove the two M2.5 x 5-mm screws and the two M1.7 x 3.5-mm screws that secure the display latch and bracket to the top cover.
5. Lift the display latch and bracket out of the top cover.

### XGA Panel Shown



1	M1.7 x 3.5-mm screws (2)
2	M2.5 x 5-mm screws (2)
3	display latch
4	bracket

## Replacing the Display Latch

1. *On XGA panels*, place the display latch on top of its screw holes, and then place the bracket on top of the display latch, aligning the bracket and display latch screw holes.  
  
*On SXGA+ panels*, align the screw holes and place the display latch and attached bracket in the top cover.
2. Replace the two M2.5 x 5-mm screws and the two M1.7 x 3.5-mm screws that secure the display latch and bracket to the top cover.

## Hinge Covers


### Removing the Hinge Covers

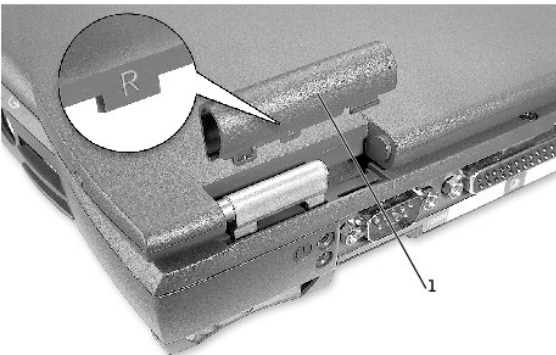
1. Remove the [display assembly](#).
2. Rotate the hinges forward at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the front of the display assembly.
3. To remove the hinge covers, slide them off the hinges.



### Replacing the Hinge Covers

1. Attach the display assembly to the bottom case.
2. Close the display.
3. Snap the hinge covers in place over the hinges.

 **NOTE:** The right plastic hinge cover label includes an "R," and the left plastic hinge cover label includes an "L." The hinge cover labels face the back of the computer.



1	right hinge cover
2	left hinge cover

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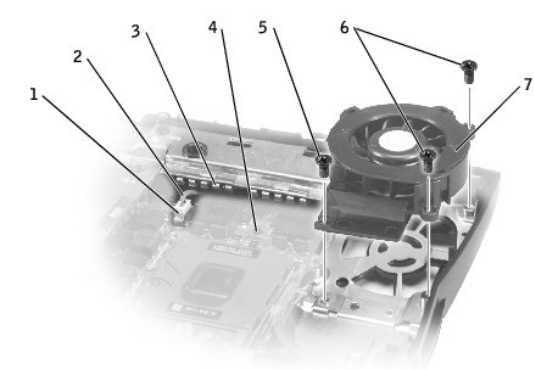
# Hybrid Cooling Fan

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## Removing the Hybrid Cooling Fan

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- ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.

1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
3. Remove the [display assembly](#).
4. Remove the [palm rest](#).
5. Remove the [microprocessor thermal cooling assembly](#).
6. Remove the two M2.5 x 5-mm screws and one M2 x 3-mm screw that secure the hybrid cooling fan to the system board.



1	system-board interface connector	5	M2 x 3-mm screw (1)
2	fan power cable	6	M2.5 x 5-mm screws (2)
3	spring fingers	7	hybrid cooling fan
4	keyboard screw hole		

7. Disconnect the fan power cable from the system-board interface connector and remove the hybrid cooling fan.

- 🔧 **NOTE:** The fan power cable is long, and can be pulled out from under the EMI shield to provide access to the connector.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Do not block the keyboard screw hole when reinstalling the fan. Route the fan power cable under the spring fingers and behind the keyboard screw hole to prevent damage to the fan power cable.

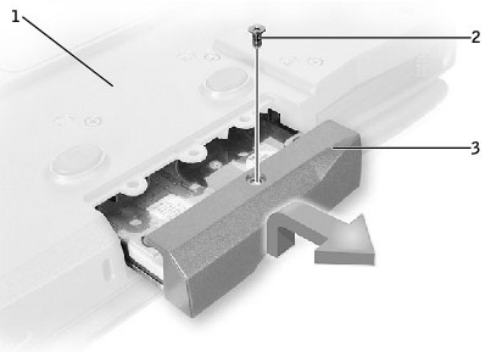


# Hard Drive

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## Removing the Hard Drive

1. Save and close any open files, exit any open programs, and then shut down the computer.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** The hard drive is very sensitive to shock. Handle the hard drive by its edges (do not squeeze the top of the hard drive case), and avoid dropping it.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To prevent data loss, turn off your computer before removing the hard drive. Do not remove the hard drive while the computer is running, in standby mode, or in hibernate mode.
- ⚠ **CAUTION:** If you remove the hard drive from the computer when the drive is hot, *do not touch* the metal housing of the hard drive.
2. Ground yourself by touching a metal connector on the back of the computer.
  3. Turn the computer over. Remove the M3 x 5-mm screw from the hard drive door.



1	bottom of computer
2	M3 x 5-mm screw
3	hard drive door

4. Lift the hard drive door until you hear a click.
5. Slide the hard drive out of the computer.

## Replacing the Hard Drive

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Use firm and even pressure to slide the hard drive into place. If you force the hard drive into place using excessive force, you may damage the connector.
1. Lift the hard drive door until you hear a click. Push the hard drive until it is fully seated in the hard drive bay.
  2. Press the hard drive door down.
  3. Replace the M3 x 5-mm screw in the hard drive door.

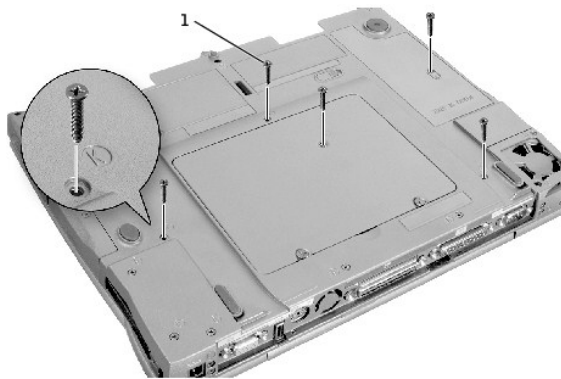
## Keyboard

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## Removing the Keyboard

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1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Turn the computer over, and remove the five M2.5 x 12-mm screws labeled "circle K."



- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1 | M2.5 x 12-mm screws (5) |
|---|-------------------------|

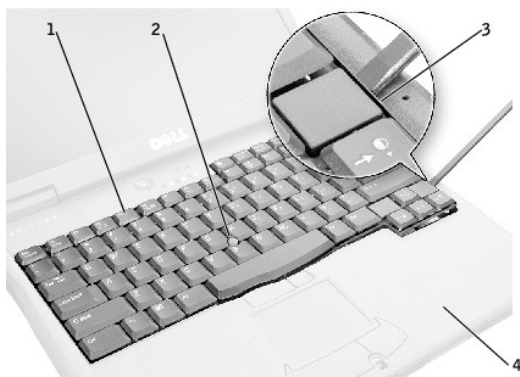
3. Turn the computer over and open the display.

- ➡ **NOTICE:** The keycaps on the keyboard are fragile, easily dislodged, and time-consuming to replace. Be careful when removing and handling the keyboard.

4. Remove the center control cover:
  - a. Insert a small, flat-blade screwdriver or plastic scribe into the notch at the right end of the center control cover and pry up the cover.
  - b. Lift the center control cover up and away from the bottom case.



5. To release the keyboard from the palm rest, use a small, flat-blade screwdriver or plastic scribe to pry up the right edge of the keyboard near the blank key.

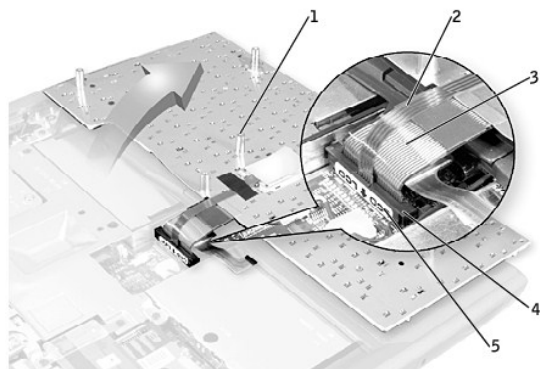


1	keyboard
2	track stick
3	blank key
4	palm rest

- Lift the keyboard straight up about an inch and then rotate it forward toward the front of the computer, until the key face is resting on the palm rest.

**NOTICE:** Do not pull on the keyboard flex and track stick cables.

- Pull up on the keyboard connector to disconnect it from the keyboard interface connector on the system board.



1	boss supports (5)
2	track stick cable
3	keyboard flex cable
4	keyboard interface connector
5	orientation label

- Remove the keyboard from the bottom case.

## Replacing the Keyboard

- Place the keyboard on the palm rest at the front of the computer with the keys face down and the connector toward the back of the computer.

**NOTICE:** To avoid damage to the connector pins, press the keyboard connector evenly into the interface connector on the system board, and do not reverse the keyboard connector.

- Connect the keyboard connector to the interface connector on the system board.

The keyboard connector may have a label showing the correct orientation of the keyboard connector (relative to the display) in the system-board interface connector.

- Carefully turn the keyboard over. Align the keyboard boss supports, fit the left side of the keyboard into place, and then snap the right side of the keyboard into place.

**NOTICE:** Position the keyboard flex and track stick cables so that they are not pinched when you replace the keyboard in the bottom case.

- Check that the keyboard is correctly installed. The keys should be flush with the left and right surfaces of the palm rest.

5. Replace the center control cover, close the display assembly, and then turn the computer over.
6. Reinstall the five M2.5 x 12-mm screws in the holes labeled "circle K."

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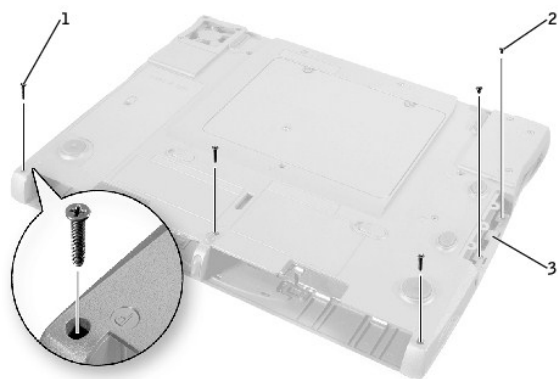
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# Palm Rest

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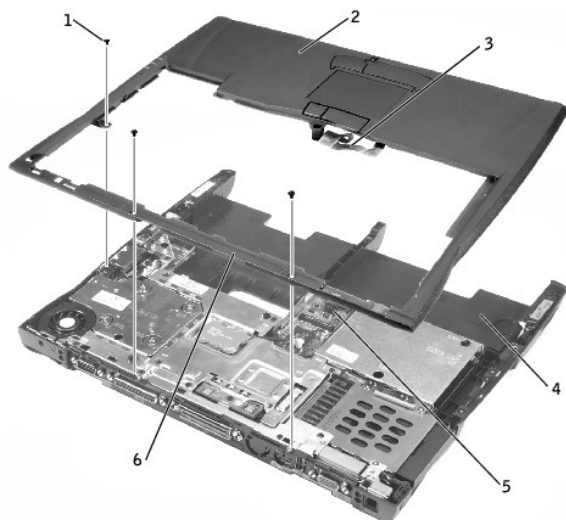
## Removing the Palm Rest

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
- ➡ **NOTICE:** You must remove the display assembly before you remove the palm rest; the display hinges pass through the back of the palm rest.
3. Remove the [display assembly](#) and [hinge covers](#).
  4. Turn the computer over and remove the three M2.5 x 12-mm screws labeled "circle P."



1	M2.5 x 12-mm screws (3)
2	M2 x 3-mm screws (2)
3	hard-drive bay door

5. Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws that are located in the hard-drive bay door labeled "circle P."
6. Turn the computer over, and remove the three M2 x 3-mm screws that secure the palm rest to the bottom case:
  - a. Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws that are located on the back edge of the bottom case, underneath the display assembly.
  - b. Remove the M2 x 3-mm screw located near the right side of the bottom case, next to the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly and opposite the S-video TV-out connector.
7. Pull up on the pull-tab that is attached to the palm-rest flex cable connector to remove it from the interface connector on the system board.



1	M2 x 3-mm screws (3)
2	palm rest
3	palm-rest flex cable
4	bottom case
5	interface connector for palm-rest flex cable
6	back center of the palm rest



**NOTICE:** Carefully separate the palm rest from the bottom case to avoid damage to the palm rest.

8. Starting at the back center of the palm rest, use your fingers to separate the palm rest from the bottom case by lifting the inside of the palm rest while pushing in on the outside.

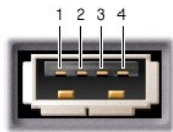
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# Pin Assignments for I/O Connectors

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## USB Connector



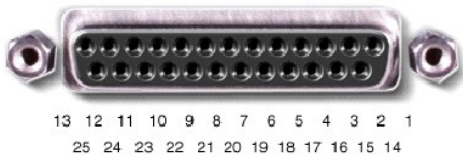
Pin	Signal
1	VCC
2	-Data
3	+Data
4	Ground

## Serial Connector



Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	DCD	6	DSR
2	RXDA	7	RTS
3	TXDA	8	CTS
4	DTR	9	RI
5	GND		

## Parallel Connector



Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	STRB#/5V	11	BUSY/MTR#
2	PD0/INDEX#	12	PE/WDATA#
3	PD1/TRK0#	13	SLCT/WGATE#
4	PD2/WP#	14	AFDF#
5	PD3/RDATA#	15	ERROR#HDSEL#
6	PD4/DSKCHG#	16	INIT#/DIR#
7	PD5F	17	SLCT_IN#STEP#
8	PD6F	18-23	GND
9	PD7F	24	DFDD/LPT#

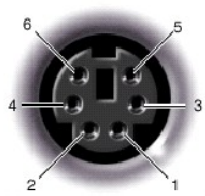
10	ACK#/DRV#	25	GND
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### Video Connector



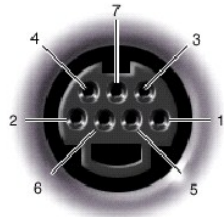
Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	RED_VCC	9	CRT_VCC
2	GREEN	10	GND
3	BLUE	11	MSEN#
4	NC	12	DAT_DDC2
5	GND	13	HSYNC
6	GND	14	VSYSN
7	GND	15	CLK_DDC2
8	GND		

### PS/2 Connector



Pin	Signal
1	DAT_KBD
2	DAT_SM1
3	GND
4	PS2VCC
5	CLK_KBD
6	CLK_SM1

### S-Video TV-Out Connector

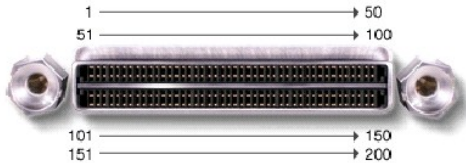


S-Video	
Pin	Signal
1	GND
2	GND
3	DLUMA-L
4	DCRMA-L



Composite Video	
Pin	Signal
5	NC
6	DCMPS-L
7	GND

## Docking Connector



Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	STRB#/5V	101	VGA_GRN
2	PD0	102	GND
3	PD1	103	VGA_RED
4	PD2	104	GND
5	PD3	105	VGA_BLU
6	PD4	106	DOCK_SD/MODE
7	PD5	107	D_IRTX
8	PD6	108	D_IRRX
9	PD7	109	GND
10	GND	110	SPIROB#
11	DOCK_SPKR	111	SPIROC#
12	DOCK_MIC	112	DAT_DDC2
13	DOCK_LINE	113	CLK_DDC2
14	DOCK_CDROM	114	SPAR
15	GND	115	SPME#
16	M_SEN#	116	GND
17	POWER_SW#	117	SSERR#
18	OPCIEN#	118	SPERR#
19	S1.6M_EN#	119	SLOCK#
20	DFDD/LPT#	120	SSTOP#
21	GND	121	GND
22	NC	122	SDEVSEL#
23	NC	123	STRDY#
24	D_ATCTLED	124	SIRDY#
25	D_PWRLED	125	SFRAME#
26	DOCK_PWR_SRC	126	SCLKRUN#
27	DOCK_PWR_SRC	127	GND
28	DOCK_PWR_SRC	128	SGNTA#
29	GND	129	SREQA#
30	+5VDOCK	130	SGNT0#
31	+5VDOCK	131	SREQ0#
32	+5VDOCK	132	SPCIRST#
33	+5VDOCK	133	SH1SEL#
34	+5VDOCK	134	GND
35	GND	135	SWRPRT#
36	DOCK_PWR_SRC	136	SDSKCHG#/DRQ
37	DOCK_PWR_SRC	137	SDIR#
38	DOCK_PWR_SRC	138	STRK0#
39	DOCK_PWR_SRC	139	SSTEP#
40	GND	140	SDRV1#
41	DOCK_+DC_IN	141	GND

42	DOCK_+DC_IN	142	SMRT1#
43	DOCK_+DC_IN	143	SWRDATA#
44	DOCK_+DC_IN	144	SWGATE#
45	DOCK_+DC_IN	145	SRDATA#
46	DOCK_+DC_IN	146	SINDEX#
47	DOCK_+DC_IN	147	GND
48	DOCK_+DC_IN	148	NC
49	GND	149	+5VALW
50	LOW_PWR	150	NC
51	HSYNC	151	GND
52	VSNC	152	CLK_SPCI
53	GND	153	GND
54	DOCKED	154	SAD0
55	USB_VD1+	155	SAD1
56	USB_VD1-	156	SAD2
57	GND	157	SAD3
58	USB_VD2+	158	SAD4
59	USB_VD2-	159	SAD5
60	DOCKOCI#	160	SAD6
61	RUN_ON#	161	GND
62	GND	162	SAD7
63	NC	163	SAD8
64	DOCK_SCLK	164	SC/BE0#
65	DOCK_LRCK	165	SAD9
66	DOCK_MCLK	166	SAD10
67	GND	167	SAD11
68	+12V	168	SAD12
69	AFD#	169	GND
70	ERROR#	170	SAD13
71	ACK#	171	SAD14
72	GND	172	SAD15
73	INIT#	173	SAD16
74	SLCT_IN#	174	SC/BE1#
75	BUSY	175	CD/BE2#
76	PE	176	GND
77	SLCT	177	SAD17
78	GND	178	SAD18
79	DAT_SMB	179	SAD19
80	DCLK_SMB	180	SAD20
81	SMB_INIT#	181	SAD21
82	GND	182	GND
83	DAT_DOCKSM1	183	SAD22
84	CLK_DOCKSM1	184	SAD23
85	DAT_DOCKKBD	185	SAD24
86	CLK_DOCKKBD	186	SC/BE3#
87	GND	187	SAD25
88	RI0	188	GND
89	CTS0	189	SAD26
90	RTS0	190	SAD27
91	DSR0	191	SAD28
92	GND	192	SAD29
93	DTR0	193	SAD30
94	TXD0#	194	SAD31
95	RXD0#	195	GND
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98	+5VSUS	198	NC
99	NC	199	NC
100	NC	200	GND

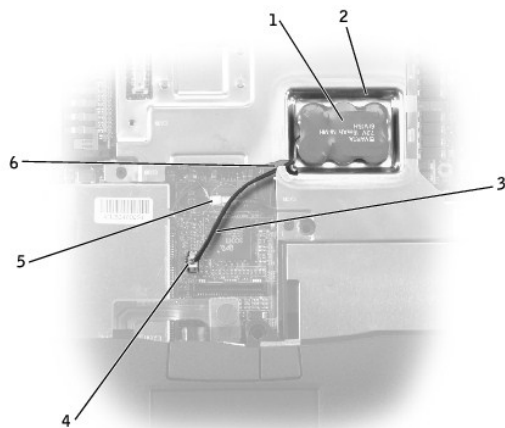


# Reserve Battery

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## Removing the Reserve Battery

- NOTICE:** The reserve battery provides power to the computer's RTC and NVRAM when the computer is turned off. Removing the battery causes the computer to lose the date and time information as well as all user-specified parameters in the BIOS. If possible, copy the information before you remove the reserve battery.
  - NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
  - NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
  - NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
- Remove the [hard drive](#).
  - Remove the [keyboard](#).
  - Disconnect the reserve battery cable from the reserve battery connector on the system board.
  - Pry the reserve battery free from the EMI shield. The reserve battery is attached to the EMI shield with a piece of adhesive tape.
  - Remove any remnants of the adhesive tape from the EMI shield.



1	reserve battery
2	reserve battery tray
3	reserve battery cable
4	reserve battery connector on system board
5	speaker cables
6	opening for reserve battery cable

## Replacing the Reserve Battery

- Connect the reserve battery cable to the reserve battery connector on the system board and then route the battery cable through the opening in the EMI shield to the battery tray.
- Remove the backing from the adhesive on the bottom of the reserve battery, and press the battery into place in the battery tray.
- Update the BIOS using a flash BIOS update floppy disk or CD. For instructions on how to flash the BIOS, see "[Flashing the BIOS](#)."

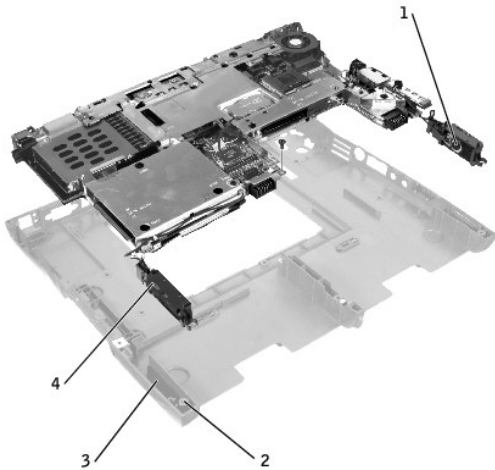
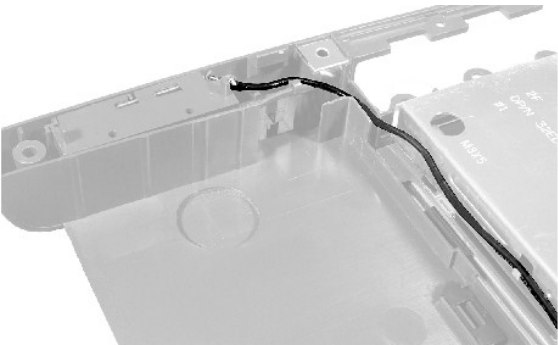
# Speaker Assemblies

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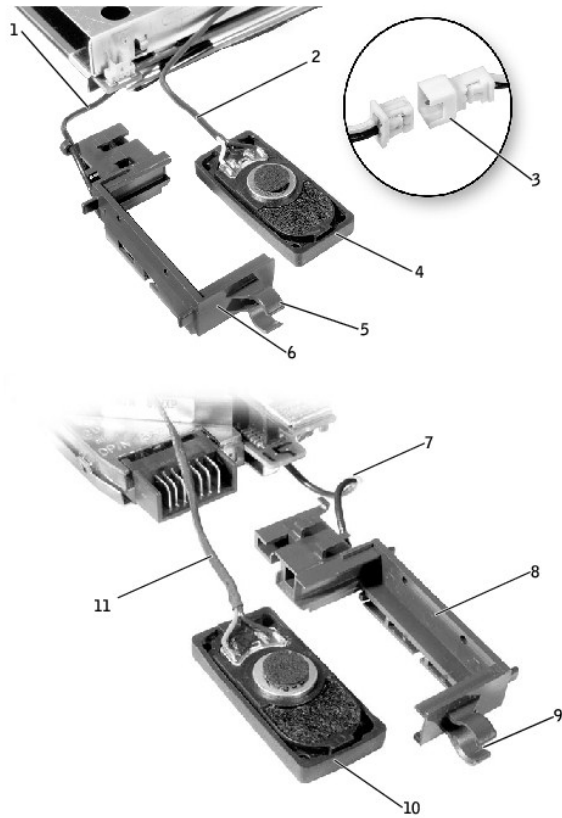
## Removing the Speaker Assemblies

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- ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.

The speakers are located on the front left and right sides of the bottom case. As you remove the speakers, take note of the speaker assembly orientations and the antenna wire routing under the routing clips.



1	right speaker
2	palm-rest screw posts (2)
3	bottom case holders (2)
4	left speaker



1	antenna cable	7	antenna cable
2	speaker interface cable	8	right speaker holder
3	in-line connector	9	mounting ring
4	left speaker	10	right speaker
5	mounting ring	11	speaker interface cable
6	left speaker holder		

1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
3. Remove the [display assembly](#).
4. Remove the [palm rest](#).
5. Disconnect the speaker interface cables. (Do not attempt to disconnect the antenna cables.)

➡ **NOTICE:** Do not pull the antenna wire when removing the speaker.

➡ **NOTICE:** Handle the speaker assemblies and speakers carefully to avoid damaging the speaker cones.

6. Remove the speaker assemblies by pulling them straight out of the bottom case.
7. Remove the speakers from the holders by sliding the speakers out of the bottom of the holders.

🔧 **NOTE:** The left speaker has an in-line connector; the left antenna cable is longer than the right antenna cable.

## Replacing the Speaker Assemblies

For each speaker:

1. Slide the new speaker into its holder so that the speaker will face outward (toward the speaker grill on the side of the computer) when the speaker assembly is installed.
2. Place the mounting ring over the front palm-rest screw post.
3. Slide the speaker assembly down into the bottom case.

➡ **NOTICE:** Ensure that the speaker wires are routed securely under their mounting clips.



# System Board

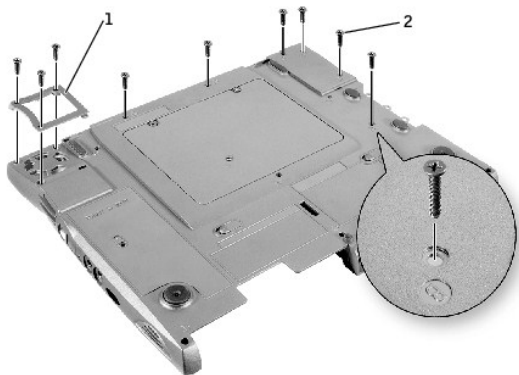
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## Removing the System Board

The system board's BIOS chip contains the service tag sequence, which is also visible on a bar code label on the bottom of the computer. The replacement kit for the system board includes a CD that provides a utility for transferring the service tag sequence to the replacement system board.

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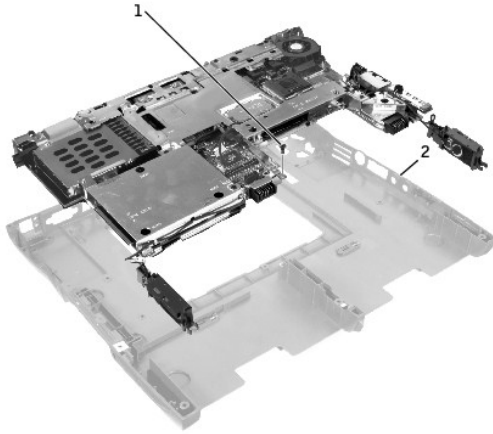
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
3. Remove the [display assembly](#).
4. Remove the [palm rest](#).
5. Remove the [microprocessor thermal cooling assembly](#).
6. Remove the [microprocessor module](#).
7. Remove the [modem](#), [memory modules](#), and [Mini PCI card](#).
8. From the bottom of the computer, remove the six M2.5 x 5-mm screws labeled "circle B" that secure the system board to the bottom case.
9. Remove the three M2.5 x 5-mm screws labeled "circle B" that secure the fan guard to the bottom case.



1	fan guard
2	M2.5 x 5-mm screws (9)

10. Turn the computer over and remove the M2.5 x 5-mm screw, which is labeled "circle B" with an arrow on the front center of the system board by the battery connector.






1	M2.5 x. 5-mm screw (1)
2	audio connector locations; pull outward here


11. Remove the [speaker assemblies](#) from the bottom case.
12. Pull the right side of the bottom case, next to the audio connectors, away from the system board as you simultaneously lift the front of the system board out and away from the bottom case.

## Replacing the System Board

1. Install the [microprocessor module](#) on the replacement system board.
2. Install the replacement system board:
  - a. Insert the external microphone and headphone connectors through the bottom case.
  - b. Replace the six M2.5 x 5-mm screws, starting on the right side of the bottom case.
  - c. Replace the fan guard, inserting the tab into the bottom case, and replace the three M2.5 x 5-mm screws. Replacing the screw opposite the tab first makes it easier to insert and replace the other two screws.
3. Replace the modem and the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly that you removed from the old system board.

 **NOTE:** Route cables so that they will not be crimped or pinched when the complete assembly is put back together.

4. Install the right and left [speaker assemblies](#) that came with the new system board in the bottom case.
5. Replace the palm rest, the keyboard, the display assembly, and the hard drive.
6. Replace the module bay devices and any PC Cards or plastic blanks in the PC Card slot.
7. Insert the flash BIOS update floppy disk or CD that accompanied the replacement system board, and turn on the computer. Follow the instructions on the screen.



 **NOTE:** After replacing the system board, enter the computer service tag sequence into the BIOS of the replacement system board.

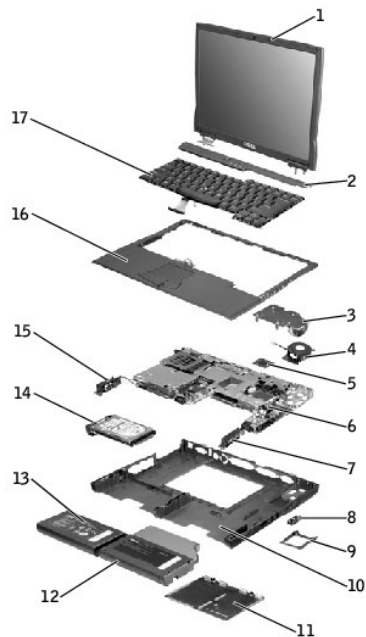
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# System Components

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-  **NOTICE:** Only a certified service technician should perform repairs on your computer. Damage due to servicing that is not authorized by Dell is not covered by your warranty.
-  **NOTICE:** Unless otherwise noted, each procedure in this document assumes that a part can be replaced by performing the removal procedure in reverse order.



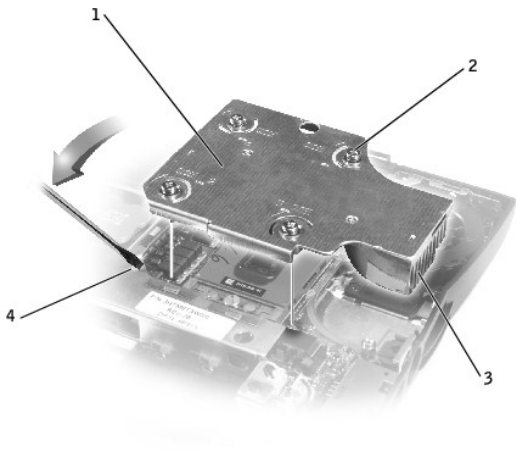
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2	center control cover	11	memory module cover
3	microprocessor thermal cooling assembly	12	module bay device
4	hybrid cooling fan	13	main battery
5	microprocessor	14	hard drive
6	system board	15	left speaker
7	right speaker	16	palm rest
8	modem and network-adaptor connector cover	17	keyboard
9	fan guard		

# Microprocessor Thermal Cooling Assembly

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## Removing the Microprocessor Thermal Cooling Assembly

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
  - ➡ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
  - ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [hard drive](#).
  2. Remove the [keyboard](#).
  3. Loosen the four captive screws that secure the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly.



1	microprocessor thermal cooling assembly
2	captive screws (4)
3	right side of thermal cooling assembly
4	recess in EMI shield (prying location)

4. Insert a screwdriver into the recess in the EMI shield under the front left corner of the thermal cooling assembly, and pry the assembly up and out of the system board.

## Replacing the Microprocessor Thermal Cooling Assembly

- ➡ **NOTICE:** To ensure proper thermal operation, always install a new, compatible thermal cooling assembly along with a new microprocessor.
1. Place the right side of the microprocessor thermal cooling assembly under the palm rest and lower the assembly onto the system board.
  2. Tighten the four captive screws, labeled 1 through 4, in consecutive order.

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**NOTE:** A NOTE indicates important information that helps you make better use of your computer.



**NOTICE:** A NOTICE indicates either potential damage to hardware or loss of data and tells you how to avoid the problem.



**CAUTION:** A CAUTION indicates a potential for property damage, personal injury, or death.

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# Memory Modules, Mini PCI Card, and Modem

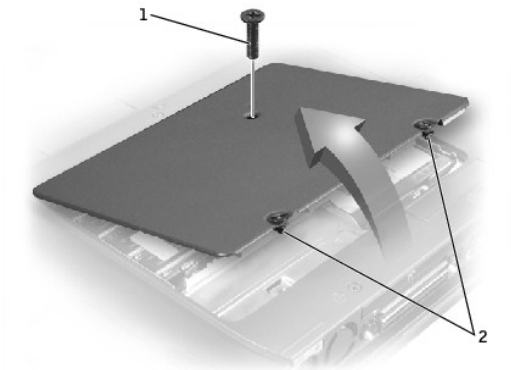
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## Memory Modules

### Removing the Memory Module Cover

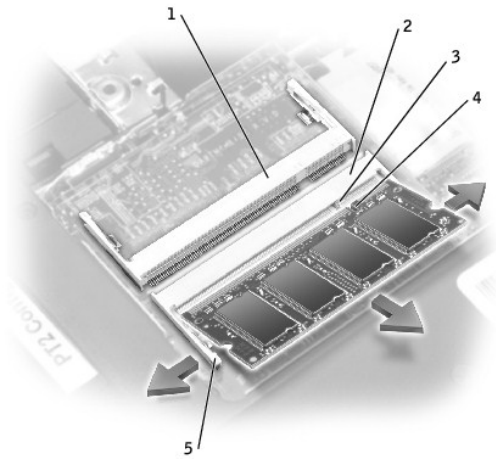
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  - ➡ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
  - ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Turn the computer over and loosen the two captive screws from the memory module cover.
  2. Remove the M2.5 x 12-mm screw labeled "circle K" from the memory module cover. (This screw is also one of the five keyboard screws.)
  3. Place your finger under the cover at the indentation and lift and slide the cover open.



1	M2.5 x 12-mm screw (1)
2	captive screws (2)

### Removing the Memory Modules

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
  - ➡ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
  - ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Remove the [memory module cover](#).
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To prevent damage to the memory module connector, do not use tools to spread the inner metal tabs that secure the memory module.
2. Use your fingertips to carefully spread apart the inner tabs on each end of the memory module socket. The module should pop up.




1	JDIM 2 memory socket
2	JDIM 1 memory socket
3	keying tab
4	keying notch
5	inner tabs (2 per socket)

3. Lift the memory module out of its socket.

## Replacing the Memory Modules

1. If you only have one memory module, install it in the connector labeled "JDIM1" on the system board. Install a second memory module in the connector labeled "JDIM2."

 **NOTE:** Memory modules are keyed, or designed to fit into their sockets, in only one direction.

 **NOTICE:** The memory module must be inserted at a 45-degree angle to avoid damaging the connector.

2. Align the notch in the memory-module edge connector with the tab in the socket.
3. Slide the edge connector of the module firmly into the socket at a 45-degree angle, and rotate the module down until it clicks into place. If you do not feel the click, remove the module and reinstall it.
4. Replace the memory module cover and tighten the two captive screws.

## Mini PCI Card

You must remove the Mini PCI card before the system board can be removed.

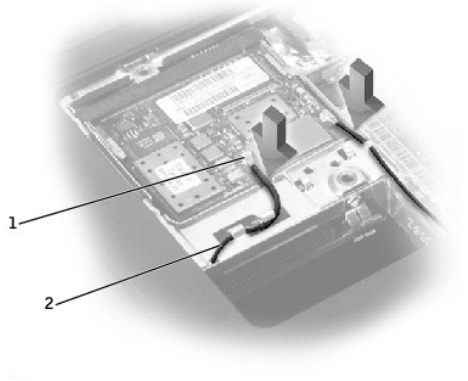
### Removing the Mini PCI Card

 **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.

 **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.

 **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.

1. Remove the [memory module cover](#), which also covers the Mini-PCI card.
2. Disconnect the Mini PCI card from the antenna cables.
3. To release a Mini PCI card from its socket, spread apart the metal securing tabs until the card pops up slightly.
4. Lift the Mini PCI card out of its connector.



1	antenna connectors on card (2)
2	antenna cables (2)

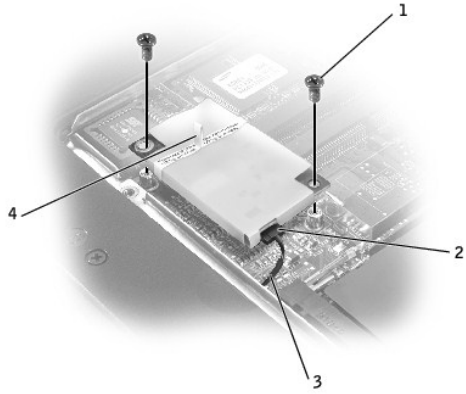
## Replacing the Mini PCI Card

1. Align the Mini PCI card with the socket at a 45-degree angle, and press the Mini PCI card into the socket.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** The connectors are keyed for correct insertion; do not force the connections.
2. Pivot the Mini PCI card down until it snaps into the inner tabs of the socket.
  3. Attach the antenna cables to the Mini PCI card.
  4. Replace the memory module cover and tighten the two captive screws.
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## Modem

### Removing the Modem

- ➡ **NOTICE:** Disconnect the computer and any attached devices from electrical outlets, and remove any installed batteries.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** To avoid ESD, ground yourself by using a wrist grounding strap or by touching an unpainted metal surface on the computer.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Read "[Preparing to Work Inside the Computer](#)" before performing the following procedure.
1. Turn the computer over, and remove the [memory module cover](#), which also covers the modem.
  2. Remove the two M2 x 3-mm screws that secure the modem to the system board.
- ➡ **NOTICE:** Do not pull on the modem cable. Pull from the modem connector to disconnect the cable.
3. Pull straight up on the attached pull-tab to lift the modem out of its connector on the system board and disconnect the modem cable.



1	M2 x 3-mm screws (2)
2	modem connector
3	modem cable
4	pull-tab

## Replacing the Modem

1. Connect the modem cable to the modem.

➡ **NOTICE:** The connectors are keyed for correct insertion; do not force the connections.

2. Align the modem with the screw holes on the system board and press down *on the pull-tab* to seat the modem in the connector.

➡ **NOTICE:** Pressing down on the modem somewhere other than on the pull-tab can break the modem.

3. Install the two M2 x 3-mm screws that secure the modem to the system board.
4. Replace the [memory module cover](#) and tighten the two captive screws.

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